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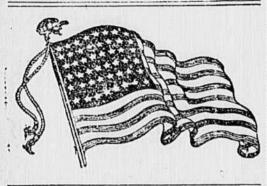
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That new King of the Letts, brother-inlaw of the Kaiser, has the same kind of a job that many a free American citizen would like to pick out for his own brother-in-law. The opportunity and chance are the same as those of a bashful amateur stranger trying to ampire a hot ball game in a roughneck town.

Cockles of all honest hearts must warm at the thought of the joy of long-oppressed Poles, Hungarians, Slovaks and Armenians as they read President Wilson's last message to the Hun. There is direct promise of fulfillment of the old, long-cherished, and urcamed-over, but apparently impossible hope for deliverance, freedom and national existence; and with the promise of unquestionble power and purpose to make it good, and

When the right time comes, all the victor pations should unite in formal tribute to css she has been faithful. Amid cravens yielding to brutal power her courage never has faltered. With base treachery all about her, she has kept her honor and that of her country unsullied. This world war has developed no more majestic, heroic or beautiful character than hers, and she would know of the love and admiration felt for her by brave and honorable people.

Even our own agents, ministers, consulgeneral and vice consul have been employed by the Huns to help shut out our trade from Central and South America. Investigations along this line begun in Guatamala may reveal to our business men interesting facts, showing some of the reasons for our practical exclusion from those markets. They also may stimulate efforts to apply enterprise and brains hitherto invincible to this new-old field, now that fate and the fortunes of war have dragged into light the mysterious adverse influence and have opened the doors

There is joy unrestrained in store for those sleepy souls who have been drowsy-eyed ever since they were robbed of an hour's slumber last spring when the clocks were turned ahead, for on October 27 they will be turned back, and the lost hour regained. Congressional leaders and Chairman Baruch, of the war industries board, have decided that no advantage would be gained by continuing the present time schedule through the winter months, and the original plan will be fol-There is no denying that the extra hour of daylight in the summer months has served a good end, and there will be a renewed demand for it with the coming of spring, regardless of war's necessities.

Communities and States are making war records which will count for or against them very heavily in the near hereafter. Through the next ten or fifteen years the service done or neglected now will be the fixed standard of judgment. The returned soldiers will be the power in commerce, in politics and in social life. They will judge and weigh by the stern soldier measurement-"was duty done or not done?" They will note slacker States and cities as they will slacker men. There will be 100 per cent, States, cities and individuals, ready to make their achievements known and to point out, in the rivalries that will come, where there are 80 and 50 and 40 per cent figures. Explaining will be uphill work. Slacking communities and persons alike, seeking commercial favors or prestige or political help, will find reasons for lamenting.

It matters not how soon Germany may surrender, conditions for the permanent security of the peace of the world will not be fully established for some time thereafter. "It is quite possible," says Frederic Villiers, world famous dean of war correspondents in the Forum, "that she (the United States) may have to maintain a standing army in Europe after peace is declared-perhaps for officen or twenty years. She kept her army five years in the Philippines. There will also in perfect security they will have the fullest be an army at home. Then there is Russia opportunity to pursue their own separate to consider. You are sending troops over there now. The war and its consequences will be costly for some years to come." While this picture may be overdrawn as to the difficulty of establishing the safeguards of peace, the maintenance of large standing armies by the victorious allies will not be abandoned suddenly. Their reduction will be gradual at best. Not only must the enemy powers be reduced to a state of military impotence, but

the operation of the plans by which this is brought about will have to be carefully studied to see that there are no weak places in them.

Force, and Yet More Force

THE real answer of the American government to the peace proposal of the Imperial German Chancellor was not made in the formal communication forwarded to Berlin through the Swiss legation. The answer that speaks loudest and the answer that the military autocracy, now the master of the Gorman empire, will most easily understand, was contained in the simple announcement from the White House that "the government will continue to send over 250,000 men with their supplies every month, and there will be no relaxation of any kind."

That one sentence will mean more to the group of imperialists who control the fate of the German people than all the documents which President Wilson or any other statesman can pen. For it spells force-force without limit or stint. There is no need of / Chancellors to translate that single sentence into the language of the mail-fisted outfit in Berlin. Nobody has to tell those military monsters what the uninterrupted dispatch of 250,000 men a month to France means.

It has just one meaning, and that isdefeat. Already the German army and the men who command it have learned what American armies can accomplish. They have found this "money-grabbing" nation suddenly turned into a nation of unconquerable warriors. They tested the mettle of the American fighting men at Chateau-Thierry, at St. Mihiel, in the Argonne forest, on the Meuse and on the Aisne, and they know that it is as deadly in its work as it is irresistible in its advance.

This government has done no wiser thing since this war began than to accompany the latest peace note with the simple and direct declaration that every month which passes will find a fresh force of American soldiers in France equivalent in size to an army corps. The note itself was intended to enlighten the German people upon the necessities that they must face if they want peace. The announcement of the troop movement plainly gave notice to the German militarists that if they do not accept peace upon the conditions now laid down, they will be made to accept it when their armies are beaten to a pulp by the force which only America can yet throw into the war.

Already approximately 2,000,000 American soldiers have been landed in France. Not more than half that number, probably not more than one-third, has been in actual battle, and yet Germany's armies have been beaten. They have been thrown back line by line until the roar of enemy artillery can be heard beyond the German frontier. Marshal Foch has not applied the full volume of his force to the retreating Germans. He

has had no need to. Soon the day will come-if Germany is not on her knees before then-when the allied commander-in-chief will order his vast reserve into action. When that time comes the German army will be stunned as if by a thunderbolt. Meanwhile, the great French general is slowly, but surely, pressing the enemy on. He will soon have it with its back to its own frontier. When that hour comes, the world may look for the greatest battle this or any other war ever staged.

Deathbed Repentance Too Late

IN a desperate effort to save the Austro-Hungarian empire from going to pieces. Emperor Charles has issued a proclamation providing for its reorganization on a federalized basis, "in which each nationality shall form on the territory which it occupies its own local autonomy." In this proclamation the Emperor says that "I am decided to accomplish this work with the free collaboration of my peoples in the spirit and principles which our allied monarchs have adopted in their offer of peace."

In his "generous" purpose "to point the way," as he says, "to the Austrian peoples of a prosperous development, unhampered by obstacles which brutal force creates against intellectual and economic prosperity," the Austrian Emperor has missed the opportunity by more than a year of any possible acceptance of his plan by the nationalist groups of the empire, who after centuries of oppression have made up their minds to throw off the yoke of Hapsburg servitude and establish complete national independence. With their right to independent existence already proclaimed by the victorious allied powers, both Czecho-Slav and Polish groups are going straight ahead with their plans for severing all relations with the dual monarchy and organizing free governments of their own creation. They are determined once for all to accept, not what the crumbling power of ; autocracy in desperation sees fit to offer, but to take all they desire. They have full faith in the power of the allies to enforce the demands of President Wilson for a united free Poland, an independent Czecho-Slovak state, and the self-determination of the great Slav and Roumanian provinces of the south in whatever grouping they may decide upon to secure homogeneous self-government.

Plans for the fruition of these age-old aspirations are being carried steadily forward, under intelligent leadership, in the creation of the administrative machinery necessary to the functioning of the new states, with renewed confidence sinve President Wilson's reply to the German peace offer sounded the death knell of autocracy's rule over subject races. The fear of a swindling negotiated peace, which should in part defeat the realization of the dream of these oppressed peoples, no longer lingers as a specter to haunt them. The breakup of the Austrian empire has commenced, and no scheme that Charles can devise will prevent it from going to pieces upon the rocks teward which Hapsburg infamy has been steadily driving it for three centuries. The deathbed repentance of the infamous dynasty is too late, and will avail it nothing. The polyglot empire is doomed. Democracy is nearing the hour of its final triumph over autocracy, and when the military systems which the latter built up have collapsed, as soon they must, selfdetermined free government will be brought to all liberty-loving peoples of the earth, and destinies to a nobler civilization.

Turn and twist the situation as we may, the world has entered the road which leads to peace. A cessation of hostilities may not come in the next few weeks, it may not come in the next few months, but certain it is that the nations are nearer peace than at any time since the fateful days of 1914. It matters not whether the German offer was sin-

cere or insincere. The fact that haughty Teuton despots have been forced to humble their pride and to accept terms laid down by a leader of a great democracy means that militarism has become so weakened that it is ready to snatch any scraps from any extended hand. The war will not continue long. The power which even expresses a willingness to evacuate Belgium, Northern France and other allied territory is a power which knows that it cannot hold its own against Foch's onslaughts and that its army is but a shell. It realizes that the last card has been played and the game is over. Its notes but evidence its inability to contend much longer. The path of victory fast turns into the broad highway of peace.

Now that Germany is sick even unto death it is reaching a condition of unexpected saintliness. Orders have gone forth that the armies must devastate no more enemy territory through which they retreat. Such an order, remembering what was done in other retreats in France and Belgium, is sufficient evidence that the handwriting is on the wall and Berlin has not failed to read it. With the work of unnecessary destruction stopped and the U-boats ordered home, there is little left for Germany to do in this war except to tender its sword in token of its unconditional sur-

Certain German newspapers advocate 'leaving it to the supreme military com-That suits the allies, for it is exmand." actly what they are doing, and the results are eminently satisfactory. Anyway, it was Germany that wanted "it" taken away from the military command and put in the hands of the diplomats.

New Hun propaganda consists of an attempt to enlist and unite all the Christian churches of the world in a move for "peace." That is the most literal and exact stealing of the livery of heaven to serve the devil in that the world has seen.

Representative Little, of Kansas, has introduced a joint resolution for the establishment in Armenia of "the republic of Ararat." That would have come more appropriately from Representative Flood.

With oranges in Richmond selling at \$1.50 the dozen, many persons have suddenly lost their taste for that luscious fruit.

Much Ado About Nothing

BY ROY K. MOULTON.

A Little Slice o' Life. The lady billposter was fussed, she was on a tall stepladder And the wind was blowing, And her hair had come down And her sheets flapped violently And her paste pail was wobbly, And when she reached up high To daub paste on the boards The paste would drop in her eye, And a crowd of rude men looked on And offered good-natured advice. When the paste was all on the board. Except what was in her hair And on her natty blue uniform, She began putting up the sheets, And the wind blew them and she Pushed her hand through them; But finally five of them were up And she climbed down to see how Her sign looked, and it read: KINS PILLSUSE BILL. And it didn't look right. So she peeled the sheets off And started all over again, And this time the sign read: PILLSBILL USEKINS. Not right yet, so she tried again. The admiring crowd grew larger. Two hours later she solved The big puzzle, and we read USE BILLKINS PILLS. The sign was a bit mussy And frightfully wrinkled. But the crowd cheered loudly And the lady billposter smiled And took her foot out Of the paste pail and called it A day's work.

Down in Florida they understand color schemes. A party of patriots caught a gasless Sunday joy rider and painted his car yellow.

Our Elevator Man Says:

What has become of the souvenir matinees every Friday when they raffled off a barrel of flour or a ton of coal? When a man sits down to fill out his question-

naire he finds that about the only secret he is allowed to keep is why he got married. The main difference between a trained seal and a regular actor is that the regular actor

eats his fish with a knife and fork It don't do much good for a scientist to get up a new disease. Some other scientist comes along fifteen minutes afterward with a cure

Food for thought is the only kind that hasn't gone up in price.

The Lady Sleeps An elderly spinster at Ypres, Declared it too noisy to slypres. She stopped up her ears With gun cotton 't appears Her slumbers are now very dypres. -Ted Robinson.

An Elmhurst man thought he had influenza and took some gasoline by mistake for medicine the doctor prescribed. Now, instead of sneezing, he honks.

Add Horrors of War.

Mile, Celeste, the modiste, has returned from Paris and says the new skirts will be so tight that a step of four inches only wil be allowed. Ladies will dress with the aid of a shoe horn and will eat from the mantel.

Bruce McRea is quoted in an interview as saying that we now have a more manly type of stage lover. Again we must say the war has not been fought in vain.

A good many patriots have come out flatfooted in favor of the war.

The Old Master.

When it comes to international diplomacy And putting straing pirates in the hole, All entrants in the race of verbs and abjectives Concede that Mr. Wilson has the pole.

Full oft has Wilhelm tried him in a schutzenfest, In aiming language in the state exchange, But the diplomatic gun the Hun manipulates Is not of Woodrow's caliber or range.

And when they start a diplomatic boxing match, He has a punch in either hand that's real. His feints are smooth and easy, never strenuous, And the velvet glove but hides the fist of steel.

A man in Hoboken lived peacefully with his wife for twenty-eight years, and then one day he went with her to pick out some wallpaper and now they are in the divorce court up to their necks.

It is difficult to tell by looking at him just what sort of bird Prince Maximilian is-a peace dove or a stool pigeon.

Interesting Health Queries ANSWERED BY DR. BRADY. (Copyright, 1917; National Newspaper Service.)

The Family Doctor.—Please tell me what I could use to remove a wart from my lip.

Answer.—The safest thing would be your family physician. I have never seen a wart on a lin.

Something to Put on It.—What is the best thing to put on a sore throat? MRS. E. E. B. Answer.—A red rag wet with cold water. The cold and moisture relieve the soreness, and the red warns folks to keep their distance if they don't want to catch something.

Lotion for Incipient Rum Blossom,-Since en-Lotion for Incipient Rum Biossom.—Since entering camp I have developed a young rum blossom, though I am a tectotaler as regards drink. Powders and cold cream and such things seem to dim my light little if anv. I'm afraid my top sorgeant will be bawling me out if it gets any worse. Can you help a hard-working soldier?

G. D. M.

Answer.-Precipitated sulphur, one Answer.—Precipitated surpair, one grams, powdered camphor, five grains; powdered tragacanth, ten grains; lime water, reso water, of each one ounce. This makes a jelly-like lotion. Apply a little to the beacon three or four times a day.

Loyalty Tried in a Furnace.

BY N. P. BABCOCK.

Did you heed the fuel administration's injunction, and observe "Clean the Furnace Day" on September 20? Were you properly impressed by the official statement that "one 100th of an inch of soot has the same power to resist heat, as ten inches of iron?"

Did you go down into the basement or cellar and confront the coal-devouring monster?

Did you look into its yawning mouth and pry with a long hook among its molars for evidence of the corrupting clinker?

Did you, as you stood wondering what move to make next, recall the fuel administration's ilp, and attempt to "follow soot"? And did you then discover what a very poor hand you had. Other fingers might be able to turn the latch on the iron dise that covered the opening in which soot, if any existed, should be found, but not your fingers.

Did you, after a prodigious amount of hammering had loosened the disc, discover that the floor of the apartment in which hot air is generated, was never designed for invasion and house-cleaning by any brush or comb or rake of which you had possession? Soot might lie thick in that circular chamber, but to remove it was not a little unlike an attempt to scratch the small of one's back. The scraper you held, first at the extremity of your right arm, and then of your left, wouldn't reach it; you needed an arm shaped like a barrel stave to achieve the soot-removing task.

Did you finally, in desperation, call in an expert? I know a man who did, and who has been saying to himself ever since, "If I can't manage a furnace even in its meek, quiescent state, what on carth am I to do when it is snorting and riproaring in the exuberance of "Make sure that every ton of coal you put into your furnace gives the maximum of heat."

"Make sure that every ton of coal you put into your furnace gives the maximum of heat." So says the slogan sounded by the fuel administration in connection with "Clean the Furnace Day."

So says the slogan sounded by the fuel administration in connection with "Clean the Furnace Day," or well, but how? Suppose a ton of cond doesn't give out the maximum amount of heat, how can you know until you have tried it? And after that will it not be too late to amend the matter? Isn't this a function that is "up to the coal dealer—perhaps to the fuel administration itself rather than to the coal-using householder will be fuel administration itself rather than to the coal-using fuel 100 per cen particulation insists, as it seems to do, that each householder look after his own furnace this winter and not leave it to the card of some hired against when our idle and delicated furnaces were mere encumbrances upon hired as much as we didn't need looking after half as much as we don't ha

And, surely, however the owners of other houses may heed the appeal of the fuel board that they literally keep the home fires burning, owners of apartment dwellings will do nothing of the sort. With complete confidence in the wisdom of their choice, they will leave the matter in the hands of your true heat conservatist—the flat-house janitor.

Germany's "Superiority" a Myth

The favorite British pose of being a complete ass, altogether inferior to the "other fellow," is pushed to the extreme point in regard to military matters. The British have a quaint humility in respect to their military skill. In a shame-faced kind of way, they admit that their soldiers are brave; but, for examples of military genius, they always refer to the "other fellow."

One perhaps may be daring enough to attempt to say something on the other side and to show that since 1914, the German has been really surpassed in every point of military skill by the British. The difference is not always great, but where the difference is greatest is just in those points of invention, of new tactics and new strategy, which show the better brain. The truth is, and the facts will prove it, that from 1914 to 1918 the British military system has shown itself superior to the German in resource and sagacity. Perhaps it would be better to say the British-French military system, for the two leaders of the grand alliance have been so closely co-operating that it is difficult to separate the achievement of one from the other.

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Consider one by one the main features of the great war. The warfare in the air is its most dramatic feature. Everything of air tactics and strategy that the German is using to-day he copied from the British and the French. It was the British who originated airplane attack with incendiary bullets on captive balloons, airplane escort of attacking infantry, airplane sallies at low altitude on enemy trenches and the various combinations of observing machines with fighting machines. The only original idea which the Germans can claim is the dropping of bombs on civilians in undefended towns. In the first battle of the Somme, when the British and French first disclosed their sky tactics, the German was absolutely driven out of the air. He had then to learn to copy all their methods, and he has originated none of his own.

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> WHEN JOHNNIE COMES MARCHING HOME. BY ALFRED B. WILLIAMS.

Trust the President.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—No one in the country to-day dirstrusts the President in his dealings with the imperial German beast through Prince Maximilian. We all rejoice that the great disturber of the world is coming to its senses. Let the beast do as Wilson has told it to do and the fighting will be stopped. Let no one hurry the President in this matter.

Let it be remembered that this country is just getting ready to fight. Let's trust the President.

City Point, Va., October 13, 1918.

power; (3) her free use of corruption in nosting and neutral countries; (4) her complete unscrupulousness with regard to the accepted laws of humanity. All four show a superior unscrupulousness, but not a superior ability in any military sense. The unscrupulous use of corruption and esplonage in hostile and neutral countries helped Germany's military effort in Russia and in Italy. Her complete unscrupulousness enabled her to kill prisoners, the wounded, doctors, hospital nurses; in short, to attempt to annihilate her enemies untrammeled by any of the conventions of civilization. But it probably hindered still more her diplomatic effort, and the final balance of it has proved adverse to her national interests.

The tradition of the semimiraculous military efficiency of Germany had been sedulously fostered by the Germans. It gained a hold not only in neutral countries, but in the countries of the grand alliance, it existed strongly in Great Britain. But it has not besone examination in the light of facts. Look at the events of the war in the light of facts. Look at the events of the war in the light of facts and it will be seen that it is in unscrupulousness alone that Germany has reigned supreme.—Copyright, 1918.

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them at once. Richmond, Va., October 12, 1918.

Books and Authors

"Simple Souls," by John Hastings Turner (Charles Scribner's Sons), is the English fiction success of the season and has already been successfully aramatized. It is, in fact, eminently a story of action. Things happen from the prompt start to the extraordinary anish. The real interest of the story matches its surface extravagance. It is a romance of King Cophetua (the duke) and the beggar maid (a shop girl). But it is made "literature" not only by its style, but by its wealth of characters at once typical, realistic and original.

Demand for Clean Streets.

To the Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—Why do the people of Richmond not rise up at this critical moment and demand that all streets and alleys be cleaned? An epidemic is raging, and no one can foretell the extent of its destruction. The condition of the streets is appalling, and it seems almost unbelievable that the Board of Health did not take drastic steps regarding the streets at the very beginning of the epidemic. Is not the Board of Health organized for the purpose of looking after the city with an eye to keeping it a healthful place for people to live in? With this purpose in view I should think that full authority ought to be given the board to see that

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"Fighting the Boche Underground," by Captain H. D. Troun. a live is a new issue by Charles Schibner's Sons. One of the most important and most dangerous activities of the whole war has a yet been ignored by writers: that of mining and sapping. It is at last described by Captain Trounce, now of currengineers, but of the Royal British Engineers up to July, 1917. He will be a live of this strange form of warfare under, sometimes far under, the trenches and no man's land with great clarity and vividness, describing the construction of galleries and mines, under the Vimy Ridge, etc. He deals with the most tripling subject, hitherto untouched by war writers, in a way which is no less informative because untechnical.

"In the Days of the Guild," by L.

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Wild Animals in Africa.

S. L. D.—Yes, there are numerous wild animals, such as lions, tigers, etc., in Africa. Most of the country has been partially explored by the white man.

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S. L. C., Wuffalo Station.—You are entitled to an allowance from the government if your son puts in a claim for it. The letters S O S are the country has been partially explored by the white government if your son puts in a claim for it. The letters S O S are the country man for it. The letters S O S are the country man for it. The letters S O S are the claim for it. The letters S O S are the claim for it. The letters S O S are the country man for it. The letters S O S are the claim for it. The letters S O S are the configuration of the government of the government of the government of the proposition has not yet been authorized by Congress.

The Bow on a Man's Hat.

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battle of the Somme, when the British and French first disclosed their sky tactics, the German was absolutely driven out of the air. He had then to learn to copy all their methods, and he has originated none of his own.

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